

September 20 meeting minutes  
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The meeting was held at the LGI Room in the Middle School starting at 6:00 and ending at 7:30. Each of the subcommittees reported out their findings to date.

Kathy Elser and Eric Garvin presented the State Aid Projections showing a decrease in State Aid even with the addition of AARA and the Federal Jobs Funding Program. Staffing and Transportation are still being explored.

Jean Nickel presented for the Facilities and Logistics Committee. The committee has determined that each building has classroom capacity for the reconfiguration but more research needs to be done with respect to Special Education and Itinerant Services. Topics such as; moving of items, parent pick-ups, transportation, Reading First, scheduling of specials, Nurse support and office space, etc... all need further exploration.

Ellie Hoffman presented for the Education Committee. She reported that most of the research on academic achievement has been inconclusive. There is some research on the social/emotional impact as students have more transitions. This research was aligned to the socio-economic status of the families as well. Several questions were generated and posted on the wiki for input.

Further discussion centered around the November deadline. This may not be a reasonable date for the committee to complete the work. Added to the discussion was the suggestion that we also examine a reconfiguration such as PreK-4, 5-7 and 8-12 or 5-8 and 9-12. This suggestion will need further discussion and research.